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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004 in connection with the above-Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the identified application. Examiner has required Applicants to restrict the claims of the pending application to one of the following inventions:

> claims 1-7 and 9-12; Group I

Group II claim 8;

Group III claims 13-19; and

Group IV claim 20. In response to this requirement, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-7 and 9-12). Applicants so elect without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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